

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
AND THE COAST

Pursuant to the South Carolina Coastal Zone Act, the South Carolina Coastal Council (SCCC) was vested the authority to manage coastal development. SCCC gained authority over all land disturbing activities along coastal South Carolina pursuant to the Storm Water Management and Sediment Reduction Act of 1991, established in the South Carolina State Register June 26, 1992. The South Carolina Land Resource Conservation Commission (SCLRCC) was granted authority over all other land disturbing areas.

SCCC has published Storm Water Management Guidelines (September 1, 1988), Proposed Refinements to the Management Program Document, Certification Process (October 21, 1992), Regulations for Permitting in Critical Areas of the State's Coastal Zone (May 1991), and Guidelines and Policies of the South Carolina Coastal Management Program (NA-79-AA-D-CZ126). The SCCC also references the SCLRCC publications Erosion and Sediment Control Practices for Developing Areas (1985) and A Guide to Site Development and Best Management Practices for Storm Water Management and Sediment Control (1991). At the time, these documents were written using solid engineering judgement and more than adequate research to support their conclusions. In subsequent revisions of SCCC (1988), SCCC (1991), SCCC (NA-79-AA-D-CZ126), SCLRCC (1985), and SCLRCC

(1991), new and innovative designs (or practices) should be incorporated.

The innovations are available from research that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), SCCC, SCLRCC, and the Charleston Harbor Project has funded. If a committee could be formed that would share this combined research base, the most technically innovative, environmentally sound, and economically reasonable documents and guidelines could be drafted. The combining of some of these documents would allow design engineers and reviewers to have a single document to follow as a guide. This would produce better plans that were easier to review.

DESIGN AIDS

The following tables were created to aid in the selection of best management practices. Table II lists restrictions that are critical in choosing best management practices. Table III lists the relative benefits provide by best management practices. Table IV lists the comparative pollutant removal capabilities provided by best management practices. Table V lists relative environmental and community amenities provided by best management practices. Table VI provides basic design summaries for each best management practice.

Table II
Site Restrictions
on Urban Best Management Practices
(modified from Schueler 1987)

| Best Management Practice | Slope | Water Table | Bedrock | Space Consumption | Maximum Depth | High Sediment Input | Thermal Impacts |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Detention Pond | N | N | S | A | N | S | N |
| Retention Pond | N | N | S | A | A | S | A |
| Infiltration Basin | A | A | A | N | A | A | N |
| Infiltration Trench | S | A | A | S | A | A | N |
| Porous Pavement | A | A | A | A | A | A | N |
| Water Quality Inlet | N | N | A | N | A | A | N |
| Grassed Swale | A | A | S | N | N | A | N |
| Filter Strip | S | S | S | N | N | A | N |

N = Generally not restrictive
S = Sometimes restrictive
A = Always restrictive

Table III
 Comparative Storm Water Benefits Provided
 by Urban Best Management Practices
 (modified from Schueler 1987)

| Best Management Practice | Control 2-yr. Storm | Control 10-yr. Storm | Control 100-yr. Storm | Volume Control | Groundwater Recharge | Streambank Erosion Control |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Detention Pond | A | A | A | N | N | A |
| Retention Pond | A | A | A | N | N | A |
| Infiltration Basin | A | S | N | A | A | A |
| Infiltration Trench | A | S | N | A | A | A |
| Porous Pavement | A | S | N | A | A | A |
| Water Quality Inlet | N | N | N | N | N | N |
| Grassed Swale | S | N | N | S | S | N |
| Filter Strip | S | N | N | S | S | N |

N = (Never) seldom beneficial
 S = Sometimes beneficial
 A = (Always) usually beneficial

Table IV

Relative Pollutant Removal of
Urban Best Management Practice Designs
(modified from Schueler 1987)

| Best Management Practice | Suspended Sediments | Total Phosphorus | Total Nitrogen | Oxygen Demand | Trace Metals | Bacteria | Overall Removal Capacity |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Detention Pond Design 1/2/3 | B/A/A | D/C/B | D/D/C | D/C/C | C/B/B | IK/IK/IK | M/M/H |
| Retention Pond Design 4/5/6 | B/B/A | C/C/B | D/D/C | D/D/C | D/B/B | IK/IK/IK | M/M/H |
| Infiltration Basin Design 7/8/9 | B/A/A | C/C/B | C/C/B | B/B/A | C/A/A | B/B/A | M/H/H |
| Infiltration Trench Design 7/8/9 | B/A/A | C/C/B | C/C/B | B/B/A | B/A/A | B/B/A | M/H/H |
| Porous Pavement Design 7/8/9 | C/A/A | B/B/B | C/B/B | B/B/A | C/A/A | B/A/A | M/H/H |
| Water Quality Inlet Design 10 | E | IK | IK | IK | IK | IK | L |
| Grassed Swale Design 11/12 | E/D | E/D | E/D | E/D | E/D | IK/IK | L/L |
| Filter Strip Design 13/14 | D/A | E/C | E/C | E/B | D/A | IK/IK | L/M |

E = 0-20% D = 20-40% C = 40-60% B = 60-80% A = 80-100% IK = Insufficient Knowledge
H = high M = moderate L = low

Note: Design numbers are described on the following page.

Notes for Table IV
(modified from Schueler 1987)

- Design 1: First-flush runoff volume detained for 6-12 hours.
- Design 2: Runoff volume produced by 1.0 inch, detained for 24 hours.
- Design 3: Same as Design 2, but with shallow marsh in bottom stage.
- Design 4: Permanent pool equal to 0.5 inch storage per impervious acre.
- Design 5: Permanent pool equal to 2.5 times the mean storm runoff.
- Design 6: Permanent pool equal to 4.0 times the mean storm runoff.
- Design 7: Facility exfiltrates first-flush; 0.5 inch runoff/impervious acre.
- Design 8: Facility exfiltrates one inch runoff volume per impervious acre.
- Design 9: Facility exfiltrates all runoff, up to the 2 year design storm.
- Design 10: 400 cubic feet of wet storage per impervious acre.
- Design 11: High slope swales with no check dams.
- Design 12: Low gradient swales with check dams.
- Design 13: 20 foot wide turf strip.
- Design 14: 100 foot wide forested strip with level spreader.

Table V

Environmental and Community Amenities
 Provided by Urban Best Management Practices
 (Source: Schueler)

| BMP | LOW FLOW MAINTENANCE | STREAMBANK EROSION CONTROL | AQUATIC HABITAT CREATION | WILDLIFE HABITAT CREATION | NO THERMAL ENHANCEMENT | LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT | RECREATIONAL BENEFITS | HAZARD REDUCTION | AESTHETICS | COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|
| DRY EXTENDED DETENTION | ○ | ● | ◐ | ● | ● | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ |
| EXTENDED DETENTION w/ MARSH | ○ | ● | ● | ● | ○ | ◐ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ |
| WET EXTENDED DETENTION | ○ | ● | ● | ● | ○ | ● | ● | ◐ | ◐ | ● |
| WET POND | ○ | ○ | ● | ● | ○ | ● | ● | ◐ | ◐ | ● |
| INFILTRATION TRENCH | ● | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ● |
| INFILTRATION BASIN | ● | ◐ | ○ | ● | ● | ◐ | ◐ | ● | ○ | ◐ |
| POROUS PAVEMENT | ● | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ● |
| WATER QUALITY INLET | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ○ | ● | ○ | ● |
| GRASSED SWALE | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ◐ | ● | ◐ | ○ | ● | ◐ | ● |
| FILTER STRIP | ◐ | ○ | ○ | ● | ● | ◐ | ○ | ● | ◐ | ● |
| SHALLOW MARSH | ○ | ○ | ● | ● | ○ | ◐ | ○ | ◐ | ◐ | ◐ |

○ SELDOM PROVIDED
 ◐ SOMETIMES PROVIDED (w/ Design Modifications)
 ● USUALLY PROVIDED

Table VI
Design Summary
of Urban Best Management Practices

| Best Management Practice | Area Served (Acres) | Soil Type (Infiltration rate) (in/hr) | Depth to Water Table (ft) | Recommended Minimum/Maximum Storage time (hrs.) | Slope | Typical Design Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|-------|-----------------------|
| Detention Pond | | | | | | |
| Retention Pond | | | | | | |
| Infiltration Basin | | | | | | |
| Infiltration Trench | | | | | | |
| Porous Pavement | | | | | | |
| Water Quality Inlet | | | | | | |
| Grassed Swale | | | | | | |
| Filter Strip | | | | | | |

*** To be filled in when more literature arrives.

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